

Assembly Adopts Bill to Permit Local Selection of School Texts

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SACRAMENTO—The State Assembly has voted 45-22 for a bill which would provide for a choice of textbooks for school districts, rather than the ones now selected by the State Board of Education.

But the author, Assemblyman Victor V. Veyssey, R-Brawley, has no great hopes of getting the measure through the Senate. And, even if it cleared the upper house, it would take an amendment of the constitution to put the bill into effect.

Under present law, the state curriculum commission studies books on various basic subject matters for the schools. Based on its recommendations, the State Board of Education makes adoptions of textbooks. These are printed at state expense and distributed to the school dis-

tricts. The districts are required to use these books, although they may purchase supplemental books at their own expense.

THE VEYSEY bill would require the board to adopt a list of from three to five textbooks for each of the five basic subjects in the schools. The local school boards then could choose which of the texts they preferred.

Veyssey noted the bill had support from a number of school board associations and was part of Governor Ronald Reagan's educational program.

"Talk to your local people and you will find this is the bill they want," Veyssey said.

ASSEMBLYMAN Leroy F. Green, D-Sacramento, chairman of the assembly educa-

tion bill which had approved the Veyssey bill, AB20, was one of the opponents.

"This measure suggests that the best is too good because the curriculum commission studies the texts and selects the best," Greene said. "This bill suggests that the commission should select the second best, the third best and the fourth best."

Originally, the Veyssey bill could have taken effect only upon the approval by the people of an amendment to the constitution, ACA29 by Assemblyman Kenneth Cory, D-Westminster. This measure, however, has been bottled up in the committee on constitutional amendments.

AS A RESULT, the last of a series of extensive amendments added to AB20 by Veyssey included one that the bill's effect would be dependent upon passage of some

Home Show to Feature Fine Arts Collection

Fine art as central decor for the tastefully appointed homes of aware modern adults will be stressed July 13 through 23 at the 22nd annual Los Angeles Home Show at Pan-Pacific Auditorium.

Members of the Council of Traditional Artists Society will hang more than 100 of their oil paintings in a special Art Galleria section of the Home Show, according to managing director Carl F. Kraatz. The formal gallery setting at the Home Show will also include some outstanding sculpture by Southern California and Southwest sculptors.

Artists whose works will be show at the L.A. Home Show include James Swinnerton, John Hilton, Daphne Huntington, Paul Lauritz, Eileen Monaghan, Claude Parsons, Hal Reed, Herbert Ryman, Frederic Whitaker, and others. Among the sculptors will be George Snowden and Henry Van Wolf.

CLAUDE P. PARSONS, one of the foremost Southwestern artists, is chairman of the Home Show art exhibit. Parsons has some very definite ideas about the place of art in the discriminating home.

Parsons is one of a rare breed—brilliantly successful both as businessman and artist. He made his personal fortune in oil, and served the government as Petroleum Administrator in World War II. But after the war, he realized an old dream by cashing in his holdings and turning to full-time painting.

He is unusual, also, in that he turns his palette to almost any genre—figures, seascapes, still life, landscapes, portraits and overpowering mountains. And, never having been pressed for money, Parsons paints for people—

not for "musty art galleries" or to approximate a gallery owner's idea of what will sell.

HIS WORKS are colorful, alive, memory-evoking and decorative—not necessarily in that order. It is small wonder that his canvases are eagerly sought by discerning home owners and outstanding interior decorators, although Parsons stresses that he does not work too much with interior designers.

"Again, let me say I don't work directly with interior decorators," Parsons said. "I sell to individuals through agents in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Dallas. Home owners take my paintings, and only then consult an interior designer on how to frame them and where best to hang them."

THE HOME Show Art Galleria paintings have been carefully chosen from the representative works of the leading traditional artists of the country. There are youth-

ful painters and long-established masters included in the oils selected for display at the Home Show.

Always, Parsons has kept in mind his thesis that great art is part of the home, to be lived with, enjoyed, savored and understood through the years.

Parson's "art is for people" theme will bring the developing richness of Southern California and Southwestern fine art to the householders and homemakers who attend the 22nd annual Home Show.

County to Widen Figueroa Street

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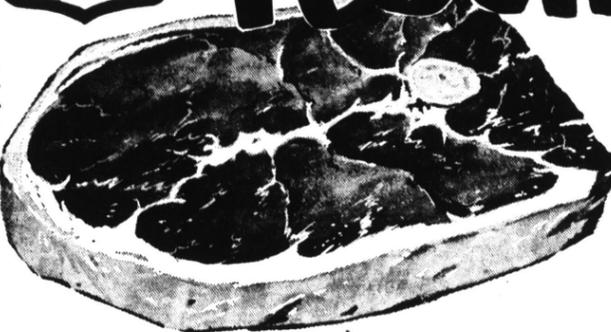
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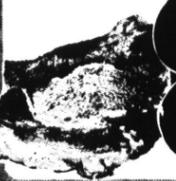
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